How celebrities want to make a difference

1. **Match the phrases below with their meanings.**

   a) hit the headlines
   b) become famous overnight
   c) tabloid
   d) A-list celebrities
   e) glossy magazine
   f) destined for stardom

   MEANINGS:

   - the most famous and successful group of people who are often seen in newspapers, on television, etc.
   - a magazine printed on shiny paper, containing a lot of bright fashionable pictures but not much serious information
   - referring to a skilled person who is certain to be famous (e.g., an actor, singer, athlete)
   - appear in the news suddenly or receive a lot of attention in news reports
   - become famous in a very short time
   - a newspaper with a lot of photos, gossip and sensational news, e.g., about celebrities

2. **Discuss the following questions.**

   - What examples of A-list celebrities can you think of?
   - What people from your country have become famous overnight? What are they famous for?
   - What story or scandal has recently hit the headlines in your country and why?
   - What glossy magazines do you read?
   - Should we ban tabloids? Why/why not?
   - What kind of talent shows do you have in your country? Are there any winners who are destined for stardom?
   - Should celebrities be role models?
   - If you were an A-list celebrity, how would you use your fame and power to make a difference in the world?

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3. Match the words with their meanings.

denounce disobedience march mobilize rally urgency

a) walk along a road as part of a group of people protesting
b) a public meeting of a large group of people, especially supporters of a particular opinion
c) someone's behaviour when they do not obey orders or rules
d) criticize something or someone strongly and publicly
e) organize people to support something or to prepare to fight
f) the quality of being very important and needing attention immediately

4. Complete the sentences below with vocabulary from ex. 3. In some cases, you must change the form of the words.

a) These activists showed that civil …… can impact political outcomes.
b) The …… of the climate change crisis has been highlighted recently by politicians.
c) Representatives for all the main candidates are trying to …… voter support.
d) Environmental groups held a …… in London last week.
e) The government's economic policy has been …… as irresponsible.
f) Health workers are today …… through the centre of Dublin in protest against government cuts.

5. Watch the video [http://bit.ly/FondaProtests] and summarize it briefly.

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6. **Watch the video again and answer the questions below.**
   a) How long has Jane Fonda been criticizing American national and foreign policy?
   b) How old is Jane Fonda?
   c) When did she visit North Vietnam?
   d) What nickname did critics give Jane Fonda at the time of her anti-war protests?

7. **Discuss the questions below in small groups.**
   - What is your opinion about A-list celebrities protesting and fighting for a good cause? Do they do it just for publicity?
   - Does celebrities' involvement attract more attention to some social issues?
   - Do you have any celebrities that you admire or consider role models?
   - Can you publicly denounce the government, policies and law in your country?
   - Are people in your country eager to mobilize and fight for their rights?
   - Have you ever marched to protest against a law or injustice? Why did you do that?
   - When is civil disobedience justified?
   - In what other ways can we express our dissatisfaction with the government, social issues or an injustice?
   - What current global and domestic issues should we address with urgency in your opinion?

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